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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the second paragraph on page 10 continuing to page 11 with the following change:

Referring to Fig. 1 and Fig. 5, the hip engaging unit 10 is disclosed with an anchor location 37 on the first hip engaging member 12 for adjustably securing a support plate 40 having a curved securement portion 42 and a straight distal portion 44. As shown in Fig. 4, the anchor location 37 with a complimentary curved configuration is located on the hip engaging member 14. The anchor location will be adjacent the patient's hip socket that was replaced. The first hip engaging member 12 includes a metal anchor plate 46, such as aluminum, which is secured on an interior skin of the rigid plastic shell of the first hip engaging member 12. A fastener 48 can lock the anchor plate 46 to the rigid hip engaging shell. A pair of elongated slots 50 and 52 or fastening structure on the securement portion 42 can receive respective fasteners or bolts 54 and 56. These fastener bolts or members can be screwed into threaded bores 55 and 57 in the anchor plate 46 and when loosened permit the curved securement portion 42 to radially slide in a vertical plane relative to the hip engaging member 12 and the anchor plate 46 to thereby permit an adjustment of the position of the distal portion 44 relative to the leg appendage of the user. Thus, the dotted lines in Fig. 5 disclose such an adjustment. This adjustment prevents impingement of the orthosis on the hip of the patient and provides a custom fit for full figure patients.